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2. MUSIC: Theme

3. ANNOUNCER: Our program today is dedicated to the Girl Scouts who,
 4. nationwide, are making such a splendid contribution to
 5. the vital home-front defense of their country! Girl Scouts,
 6. everywhere! Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers salute you for the
 7. grand job you are doing in the Wartime Forest Fire
 8. Prevention Campaign!

9. Now come along with us to the Pine Cone Ranger Station.
 10. Right now Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant, Jerry Quick,
 11. are talking about one of the principal enemies of our
 12. forests - the careless smoker. Jerry's sweetheart, Mary
 13. Halloway, the local school ma'am, is also on hand, waiting
 14. for Jim's wife, Bess, who is getting ready to go to a
 15. meeting of the Girl Scout troop in town. Here they are...

16. JIM: (FADING IN) That's part of the trouble all right, Jerry.
 17. We're getting a lot of folks in the forest these days in
 18. spite of the gas and tire rationing.....

19. MARY: It seems to me that's a very important service of the
 20. National Forests, Mr. Robbins....to give people a chance
 21. to relax and get away from their jobs for a little while.
 22. You know how the people from the war plants down in Elk
 23. City like to come up here and picnic on their day off.
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MARY:

1. JERRY: Sure, Mary. And we're all for it. They oughta get a little
2. sunshine and air and recreation now and then so they won't
3. go stale on the job. But what Jim means is that the more
4. people there are visiting the Forest, the more careless
5. smokers you're apt to have and the more forest fires.
6. At least that's been our experience here on the Pine Cone.
7. Last year 26 percent of the fires on this district were
8. caused by careless smokers.
9. JIM: Yep, and I'm not very happy about it, either. I can tell
10. you. That puts us here on the Pine Cone one percent
11. above the national average of smoker's fires.
12. MARY: You actually mean that of all the forest fires in the
13. United States last year, 25 percent...one-fourth of them
14.were caused by careless smokers? Why that's terrible.
15. Why can't people be more careful?
16. JERRY: Yeah. That's what we've been saying all these years.
17. Why can't people be more careful? If you ask me, we
18. oughta get really tough about it.
19. JIM: Well, we've been preaching fire prevention for years.
20. But we still have careless smokers, seems like.
21. JERRY: Jim, how about this...How about having our guards stop
22. everybody going into the Forest and search 'em and
23. confiscate every match and pack of smokes they find?
24. You'd sure stop careless smoking that way all right,
25. wouldn't you?

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JIM:

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MARY:

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JERRY:

Yeah. That's what we've been saying all these years. Why can't people be more careful? If you ask me, we ought to get really tough about it.

JIM:

Well, we've been preaching fire prevention for years. But we still have careless smokers, seems like.

JERRY:

Jim, how about this... Now about having our guards stop everybody going into the forest and search 'em and confiscate every match and pack of smokes they find? You'd sure stop careless smoking that way all right. Wouldn't you?

1. MARY: Jerry, you're not serious? Why, that would make people
 2. angry.
 3. JIM: When it comes to forest fires, Mary, we can't afford to
 4. be too concerned about making a few people angry. There's
 5. a lot more at stake these days than some folks' feelings.
 6. JERRY: Then you think I've got something, Jim? You think we
 7. ought to start confiscating matches and the like?
 8. JIM: No, Jerry. I can't quite go along with you on that.
 9. It sounds a little too much to me like the way the Nazis
 10. would go about it. We've had to close certain high
 11. hazard areas, you know, from all travel...but for the
 12. most part, the forest's open to folks and we do want 'em
 13. to enjoy themselves, like Mary says. I'm still hoping
 14. we can find some other way, some good American way to
 15. get folks to cooperate in cutting down these careless
 16. smoker fires.....
 17. JERRY: Well, I'd give that best red silk tie of mine to find a
 18. way, Jim.
 19. MARY: Why, Jerry. I gave you that tie for Christman. I thought
 20. you liked it.
 21. JERRY: Of course I like it. I'm crazy about it. That's why
 22. I'd be willing to sacrifice it for a good cause like this.
 23. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well seeing as how you're so generous, Jerry,
 24. I'd go so far as to toss in my red flannel underwear for
 25. the duration.....Hey, here's Bess....Bess, how long've
 you been standing there in the doorway?

Jerry, you're not serious? Why, that would make people angry.

MARY:

When it comes to forest fires, Mary, we can't afford to be too concerned about making a few people angry. There's a lot more at stake these days than some folks' feelings.

JIM:

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JIM:

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Well, I'd give that best red silk tie of mine to find a way, Jim.

JERRY:

Why, Jerry? I gave you that tie for Christmas. I thought you liked it.

MARY:

Of course I like it. I'm crazy about it. That's why I'd be willing to sacrifice it for a good cause like this. (CHUCKLING) Well, seeing as how you're so generous, Jerry, I'd go so far as to toss in my red flannel underwear for the duration.... Hey, here's Ness... Ness, how long've you been standing there in the doorway?

JIM:

JERRY:

1. BESS: (COMING ON) Oh, just a few minutes....So you'd both give
2. up your prized possessions if only you could find some
3. way to cut fires down, would you? Well, that's splendid.
4. Now my conscience doesn't hurt me the tiniest bit.

5. JERRY: Hey, that's my best silk tie you got there, Mrs. Robbins.

6. JIM: Yes, and by George, what are you doing with my red
7. flannels, Bess?

8. MARY: (LAUGHS) Oh, I wouldn't have missed this for anything.

9. BESS: Jim, believe it or not, the Girl Scouts, our Girl Scouts,
10. are going to help you and the Pine Cone Forest with the
11. problem of smokers fires.

12. JERRY: Huh? What can a bunch of Girl Scouts do?

13. JIM: Yeah, Bess. And where do my red flannels figure in this?!

14. JERRY: And my tie? What's that got to do with cutting down
15. forest fires?

16. JIM: Well, of course we'll appreciate all the help the Girl
17. Scouts give us, Bess. But when it comes to forest fire
18. control. I'm afraid that's pretty much a man's job.

19. BESS: Oh, it is, is it? Well, why haven't you and Jerry
20. solved the careless smoker problem? You've been at it
21. a long time, now.

22. MARY: Tell them what you're going to do, Mrs. Robbins.

(CONTINUED) Oh, that's a far distance... you'd better

go down there and see if you can't find a

way to get them down, would you? Well, that's all right.

Now my conscience doesn't hurt me the least bit.

Yes, and by George, what are you doing with my red

shirts, huh?

Oh, I wouldn't have asked this for anything.

Jim, believe it or not, the Girl Scouts, our Girl Scouts,

are going to help you and the other boys with the

problem of getting things.

What? What can a bunch of Girl Scouts do?

Yeah, sure. And where do my red shirts figure in that?

And my shirt? What's that got to do with anything else?

Forget that?

Well, of course we'll appreciate all the help the Girl

Scouts give us, sure. But when it comes to these shirts

control. I'm afraid that's a pretty much a man's job.

Oh, it is, is it? Well, why haven't you and Jerry

and the other boys taken care of them?

A long time, now.

Tell them what you're going to do, Mr. Hobbs.

1. JERRY: I get it. Don't you see, Jim? Mrs. Robbins is goin' to have
2. her Girl Scouts take stations on all our ridge tops with long
3. poles and red banners warning the people to go easy with fire
4. in the woods. I can just see Mary here. Standing up on
5. Porcupine Top waving your red flannel longies in the breeze.

6. MARY: Jerry! That isn't a bit funny.

7. JERRY: The only trouble with that scheme is we'll have to supply all
8. our forest visitors with binoculars and that's not fair 'cause
9. the Navy needs all the binoculars they can get ... Besides ...

10. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Wait a minute, Jerry ... Bess, before you get
11. started why don't you tell us what ...

12. BESS: Jim Robbins, I'll tell you two doubting Thomases nothing.
13. Except this ... Even though you don't deserve it, the forest
14. does, and our Girl Scouts are going to help save the forest from
15. fire ... Come on, Mary. We've got a big program on for tonight
16. and we mustn't be late ...

17. MARY: I'm ready. Goodbye, Mr. Robbins .. Goodbye Jerry.

18. JERRY: Yeah, so long.

19. JIM: Look, Bess.

20. BESS: (GOING OFF) Goodbye, Jim ... Don't stay up. I may be quite
21. late ...

22. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES

23. JERRY: Well, I'll be jiggered! What do you think of that, Jim?

24. JIM: Well, if Bess and her Girl Scouts can help us crack the tough
25. nut we're up against, my hat's off to them.....

PAUSE.

I get it. Don't you see, that's how Hobbs is going to use
his old friends' names on all our ridge tops with those
names and we'll be sure the people in the valley
in the woods. I can just see them here. Standing up on

the ridge top looking down at the valley below in the distance.
That's how it is. That's how it is. That's how it is.

The only people who can see that valley are the people who
are looking down at the valley from the ridge top. That's how it is.
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are looking down at the valley from the ridge top. That's how it is.

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1. JERRY: (FADE IN) Well, here we are this bright August morning, Jim,
2. standing like a couple simpletons at the South Fork entrance of
3. the Pine Cone National Forest. So What!
4. JIM: All I know is that Bess left early this morning for town and
5. insisted that you and I be here. So I guess we'll have to wait
6. and see what they're up to. I s'pose it's got to do with
7. preventing smokers' fires.
8. JERRY: Yeah. I reckon I shouldn't have made that crack about the
9. Girl Scouts and Mary standing on Porcupine Top wavin' your red
10. undies. You know, Jim, it seems to me we haven't been eating
11. so good the past couple days. You think Mrs. Robbins is kind
12. JIM: Bess has been pretty busy with something or other lately, Jerry.
13. that's all. H-m-m-, there's a car coming.....
14. FADE IN CAR, BRING GRADUALLY ON
15. JERRY: Talk about sharing your car. Look, that auto's loaded down like
16. a bus.
17. JIM: Yeah. I see Bess and Mary
18. JERRY: And they've got a whole gang of Girl Scouts with them ... all
19. in uniform ..
20. JIM: Well, here they are ... Get ready to swallow your pride or
21. something, Jerry. They look like they mean business ...
22. CAR STOPS, MOTOR OFF
23. JERRY: Yeah, but I'm from Podunk Junction, Missouri, don't forget.
24. (CALLS) Hello there, Mrs. Robbins ... Hi, Mary.....
25. CROWD ON, SUSTAIN

standing like a couple of giants at the back of the crowd.

the Pine Cone National Forest. So what?

All I know is that I've been here for some time.

And I know that I've been here for some time.

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1. BESS: (COMING UP) Well, here we are, Jim.

2. JIM: Yeah, so I see.

3. BESS: Where's Anne, Mary? She's to make the presentation.

4. MARY: Here she is, Mrs. Robbins. All right, Anne, don't be nervous.

5. BESS: Come here, Anne. Stand by me .. Jim, these girls have been
6. working like troopers the past few days and, even though
7. you've had some doubt, they're about to make a splendid
8. contribution to fire prevention, here on the Pine Cone National
9. Forest.

10. JIM: Bess, you got me wrong. I know these Girl Scouts. They're
11. swell.

12. JERRY: Yeah, best little workers in the world.

13. BESS: Well, that's fine. It seemed to me you two had some little
14. misgivings --- All right, Anne, Go ahead.

15. ANNE: Ranger Robbins. For the Girl Scouts of Winding Creek, I have
16. the honor of presenting you with this little token of our
17. regard for you and the forest..

18. JIM: Say, that's mighty fine ... but what is it?

19. BESS: She's not through yet. Go ahead, Anne.

20. ANNE: And here is one for you, too, Mr. Quick. Yours is silk. The
21. Ranger's is made of flannel. We call them Fag Bags and we're
22. going to present one to every visitor who enters the forest,
23. to hold his matches and smoking materials while he's in the
24. forest

25. JIM: (EXCITED) Say, this is all right, Bess!!

26. BESS: Please, Jim. Anne's not quite finished.

27. JIM: Oh, sorry!

(SOUNDING OF BELL) Well, here we are, Jim.

Yeah, as I see.

Yeah, as I see, I see. I see the presentation.

Yeah, as I see, I see. I see the presentation. All right, Anne, don't be nervous.

Yeah, as I see, I see. I see the presentation. Anne, I see you have been

working like a trooper the past few days and, even though

you've had some doubt, they're about to make a decision

concerning the presentation, I see on the presentation.

Yeah.

Yeah, you got me wrong. I know what you mean, Jim.

Yeah.

Yeah, best little woman in the world.

Yeah, that's right. I want to see you and the best little

managers -- All right, Anne, go ahead.

Yeah, I see. I see the presentation. I see the presentation. I see the presentation.

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regard for you and the forest.

Yeah, that's mighty fine ... but what is it?

Yeah, not through yet. Go ahead, Anne.

Yeah, here is one for you, too, Mr. Quack. I see it with the

presentation of the forest. I see the presentation of the forest.

Yeah, to present me to every nation and across the forest.

Yeah, to hold the nation and across the forest.

Yeah ...

(EXCITED) Yeah, this is all right, Anne!

Yeah, Jim. I see the presentation.

Yeah, yeah.

1. ANNE: The Girl Scouts of Winding Creek want you to know that forest
2. conservation and fire prevention are very much our concern these
3. days. We have taken on this particular job because we think
4. it will help to win the war ... and to win the peace ... There.
5. I guess that's all, isn't it, Mrs. Robbins?

6. BESS: Yes, Anne. And you did splendidly. Well, Jim, how do you like
7. your little red Fag Bag? Don't you think that it will help to
8. make people fire-conscious and careful with their smoking?

9. JIM: Bess, we've been needing something like this for years.

10. MARY: The Girl Scouts are going to keep on making them so that every
11. visitor to the Pine Cone National Forest can be presented with
12. a Fag Bag. You see, most smokers reach for their cigarettes or
13. tobacco without thinking. If they keep them in a Fag Bag it
14. will remind them to be careful.

15. JERRY: So this Fag Bag of mine is part of my red silk tie, huh? Well,
16. I don't care. It's a honey of an idea. With this draw string
17. and all, and the fire campaign slogan "Careless Matches Aid the
18. Axis" staring you in the face everytime you take a smoke. It's
19. a natural!

20. MARY: What about the little tag, Jerry. See? Read what it says.

21. JERRY: Yeah(READING) The Forest Rangers say: Keep your pack of
22. cigarettes and matches in this bag while travelling the forests
23. .. and remember ... Prevent Forest Fires ... Forest Fires Delay
24. Victory ... Put out your match! Crush out your cigarette!
25. Kill every spark! ...(STRAIGHT) It's the whole story all right

The Girl Scouts of Winding Creek want you to know that forest conservation and fire prevention are very much our concern these days. We have taken on this particular job because we think it will help to win the war ... and to win the peace ... There

I guess that's all, isn't it, Mrs. Robbins?
Yes, Anne. And you did splendidly. Well, Jim, how do you like your little red tag bag? Don't you think that it will help to make people fire-conscious and careful with their smoking? Here, we've been needing something like this for years.

The Girl Scouts are going to keep on making them so that every visitor to the Pine Cone National Forest can be presented with a tag bag. You see, most smokers reach for their cigarettes or tobacco without thinking. If they keep them in a tag bag it will remind them to be careful.

So this tag bag of mine is part of my red stick too, huh? Well, I don't care. It's a honey of an idea. With this drive coming and all, and the fire campaign slogan "Careless Matches Aid the Axis" staring you in the face everytime you take a smoke. It's a natural!

What about the little tag, Jerry. Gee? Read what it says.
Yes (READING) The Forest Rangers say: Keep your pack of cigarettes and matches in this bag while travelling the Forest ... and remember ... Prevent Forest Fires ... Forest fires help Victory ... Put out your match! Grasp our your cigarettes! Kill every spark! ... (STRAIGHT) It's the whole story all right

ANNE:

HESS:

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JERRY:

1. BESS: A big motion picture company contributed the tags, Jim. And a
2. large department store outfit is providing red cloth to Girl
3. Scout Troops all over the country for making Fag. Bags. We
4. hadn't gotten our order for material yet. Jim, so we had to
5. use anything we could find. And that's where your red

6. JIM: (CHUCKLES) I don't mind giving 'em up for this, Bees. It's a
7. fine thing you and your Girl Scouts have done.

8. BESS: The idea originated in California, Jim. One of Uncle Sam's
9. Forest Rangers thought it up and the Girl Scouts have pitched
10. in to make it a splendid success. I'm glad you like the idea
11. for us to use here.

12. JIM: I see on mine where it says "A Girl Scout made This Fag Bag" ...
13. I think I could go that statement one better.....

14. MARY: How is that, Mr. Robbins?

15. JIM: I'd add something like this ... And Uncle Sam is mighty proud
16. of the Girl Scouts, every blessed one of them, for making these
17. red bags to help keep the forests green!

18. MUSICAL FINALE

19. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the
20. National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the
21. cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department of
22. Agriculture

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